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## **Murderer of the Garcia Family sentenced to 90 years imprisonment**

Jose Luis Ponce Sedano (DOB 6/10/78) a citizen of Mexico, was convicted by a jury on November 3, 2000 of three counts of second degree murder and one count of aggravated assault. Sedano was sentenced today by Judge Norman Hall to serve 90 years in prison for his crimes.

On March 13, 1997, Sedano shot and killed Ubaldo Galvez Garcia, Jose Antonio Galvez Garcia, and Rufino Lopez Garcia. It was alleged that the killing took place in the rear yard of 1201 N. 41st Street, Phoenix, Ariz. after a traffic altercation between Jose Garcia and the defendant's brother Guillermo Ponce Sedano. After a near automobile collision, Guillermo armed with an automatic pistol, left his automobile and threatened to kill Jose Garcia.

Ubaldo Garcia and Rufino Garcia observed the confrontation and attempted to calm the situation. Guillermo put down his weapon and agreed to settle the dispute with fists. However, Guillermo's younger brother Jose Sedano, armed with an assault rifle, fired at the victims killing Ubaldo and Rufino where they stood. Jose Antonio ran, only to be fatally shot in the back. Jose Sedano then attempted to kill Luis Galvez Garcia, the fourth member of the Garcia family, but missed.

"Jose Luis Ponce Sedano has forfeited his right to live among us. This vicious, wanton, homicidal act caused untold grief to the Garcia family. We can only hope that by holding the defendant responsible for his crimes and sentencing him to a life time of imprisonment will some how give the victims' family solace," said County Attorney Richard Romley.

Sedano will serve his 90-year sentence without possibility of release.